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# Rapid River News!

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*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)*

## (Cultural related items)

- **Jiingtamok 08 photos!** 200 photos from this year's Pow Wow will soon be available on the tribal website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com).

## (Natural Resources)

- **Commercial Fishing.** The Commercial/Recreational Fishing Group met the 9<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that the Natural Resources Commission of the LRBOI supported the proposal from the Group that was presented to them on May 14 2008 involving net markings. It was also reported that the fishers supported the proposal and that the proposal is now subject to consideration by the Tribal Council.

## (General area items)

- **Tribe buys Great Lakes Downs!** The tribal government announced today that it has purchased the Great Lakes Downs racetrack and other property in Muskegon for the purpose of establishing a 2<sup>nd</sup> site casino and other economic development options.
- **Ludington Chamber EO Leaving.** Becca Martin, the Ludington Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director has announced that she is leaving to return to Pennsylvania. Chamber VP Kathy Maclean will take her place on an interim basis. Martin had been actively courting Tribal interests as part of the Ludington area.

## (Tribal Government-Department items)

- **LRCR General Manager on Board.** Michael Garrow, the new General Manager of the Little River Casino Resort began work the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>. A story and photos will be in the August *Currents*. Garrow brings quite a bit of gaming and financial experience to Little River and we're looking forward to his leadership.
- **General Manager gone.** John Concannon, recently brought in to fill the tribal General Manager position is no longer with the tribal government. July 11<sup>th</sup> was his last day.
- **Diabetes Program fund extended!** Good news about the Special Diabetes Program for Indians as part of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act. The SDPI will extend through 2011, funded at the current level of \$150 million per year nationally; LRBOI usually receives \$79,500.00 in program grant funds annually.
- **Algebra for Adults.** Beginning July 14th, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and every Monday evening through October 20th the LRBOI Education Department is sponsoring an adult algebra tutoring/instruction class. The tutoring sessions will be offered in the Tribal Community Center or Tribal Admin Bldg in Manistee. If you would like to participate in this course, please contact Yvonne Parsons 231-398-6735 or Debra Davis 231-398-6724 in the Education Department or toll free 1-888-723-8288.
- **It's Butterfly Time!** The popular Monarch Butterfly project is scheduled again for this year. We are expecting to receive the caterpillars the week of July 28, and hopefully hand out the caterpillars on that Thursday (July 31<sup>st</sup>) and in Muskegon on that Friday (August 1<sup>st</sup>). The release will probably be the week of August 25. Watch the *RRN* for updates.

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